

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING BOARD**

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wisconsin Statutes, a regular meeting of the Brown County Criminal Justice Coordinating Board was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 in Room 200 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: Troy Streckenbach, John Gossage, Larry Malcomson, Jason Beck, Mary Kerrigan-Mares, Brian Shoup, Pat Evans, Tom Sieber
Citizen Reps: Tim Mc Nulty

1. **Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Pat Evans at 3:32 p.m.

2. **Approve/Modify Agenda.**

Motion made by John Gossage, seconded by Tim Mc Nulty to modify to remove Item 5 from the Agenda. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Approve/Modify Minutes of November 27, 2012.**

Motion made by Brian Shoup, seconded by Jason Beck to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Plan Board Membership.**

A discussion was held regarding Board membership. This goes back to what was examined at the last meeting and it was noted that there are some people on the Board who do not regularly attend meetings. State Statutes designate the individuals who are responsible for sitting on this Board. The citizen reps are typically recommended by the County Executive. Brian Shoup recalled that there had also been previous conversations regarding Board members being able to send alternates or designees in their place. Troy Streckenbach also recalled this and stated he had forwarded something to Judge Kelley that the elected officials or those named to sit on the Board can name designees to attend in their stead if necessary. Streckenbach also stated that the County Executive is to appoint the citizen reps and he felt that each current citizen rep should be contacted and asked to either appoint designees or start attending meetings. Streckenbach felt there was a general concern as to what the purpose of the meetings are and Judge Kelley is questioning whether or not this Board should continue to meet and exist. If meetings are continued it would be important for those on the board to show up for the meetings so that meaningful dialogue can result. Streckenbach stated he would contact Judge Kelley and go through the list and adjust individuals on the list as necessary and make some calls and urge participation. Evans noted that the citizen reps are the only members of the Board that have a specific term and everyone else is ex-officio. It was noted that two citizen reps have expired and therefore two will need to be appointed. Gossage stated he would contact the Green Bay Police Chief as well as the Chair of the Public Safety committee, Pat Buckley, and advise them that they are supposed to be attending these meetings. Board members were urged to contact County Executive Streckenbach with any suggestions they may have for citizen reps.

Motion made by Jason Beck, seconded by Troy Streckenbach to hold until next meeting. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **Mental Health Court (Judge Zuidmulder).**

This Item was removed from the Agenda; see Item 2 above.

6. **Agenda for Upcoming Meetings – Potential Areas of Focus:**

- a. **Jail Population Update.**
- b. **Reducing Jail Population.**

Items 6 a & b were taken together.

It was noted that the jail is currently at 85% capacity which is an optimal figure and allows one pod to remain closed. There are also 75 people currently on the electronic monitoring program and 28 on the SCRAM which is the alcohol monitoring ankle device. This is an independent device that monitors the transdermal emission of any alcohol. It is extremely accurate and is essentially fool proof. Gossage also wished to mention with regard to the EMP program that the Governor set aside \$3 million dollars for people who violate TRO's. He believed that after the TRO is served, if there is a violation the offender goes back before the Court Commission and that is when it can be adjudicated that the offender wear the bracelet and be monitored by the Sheriff's Department. This will be funded by the State and dollars have been allocated for the beta test to set up some of the Counties to see how many times this occurs. Mary Kerrigan-Mares stated that once a person violates a TRO or permanent injunction it becomes a crime. The DA's office does not get involved in the obtaining of an injunction, but once they are served and they are on notice, if they violate it, it becomes a crime. Gossage would like to know how many times this occurs because if these violators are to be supervised by the Sheriff's Department there may be additional staff needed or things of that nature. Kerrigan-Mares was asked if she knew a breakdown of in person contacts as opposed to things such as mail contact and she stated that the bulk of the offenses are in person.

Gossage stated that he had recently met with Tom Martin at Family Services with regard to the potential of a day report center and this option is still being examined. There are a few counties that currently utilize day report centers. Gossage stated that they continue to look at ways to keep the pod closed and this is being done out of necessity because when staff was eliminated years ago, the jail was at full staff and were able to operate at 100 percent efficiency. They are not currently able to do that because they do not have the staff to staff the kilo pod. The options would be to hire six corrections officers or keep it closed to keep the overtime down. Gossage's concern is that eventually with the amount of inmates coming into the jail, they will have to look at other opportunities and he would like to keep the day report center on the back burner as an option for alternative incarceration. These day report centers are typically not run by the Sheriff's Department as it is an alternative to incarceration and they are typically run by the Human Services Division. People would be sent to the day report center in lieu of incarceration and they are not considered jail inmates. They are typically set up with an appropriate program, whether it is alcohol related, drug related or some other component and they check in daily and leave. Outagamie County currently has a model program.

Streckenbach felt that a day report center was something that should be looked at further. Gossage stated that he agreed with Streckenbach and that there are some people who do not belong on EMP and there are others who will never get out on EMP based on their charges. He will not compromise public safety by putting people out on a program just to keep the numbers down. He felt this may be a great alternative, but they are finding out that they have more people on probation holds on the State level that do not meet the criteria to go on the EMP program. Gossage stated it may be difficult to get people to qualify under the current classification system. Shoup stated that he was willing to discuss this further but felt that the approach of going directly to a vendor makes a lot of sense for several reasons. For one thing,

you would then have the flexibility to have the vendor ramp up or down without going through the County Board process. Gossage stated that in Outagamie County Family Services works directly with the Sheriff's Office. Kerrigan-Mares stated that she felt DA Lasee would be willing to look at this too as he is always interested in alternatives to incarceration. Gossage stated that this program would operate similar to the Volunteers in Probation program that used to exist. It was also indicated that a day report center would include job components such as resume writing, etc. It would depend on the contracted service that would come in as to what other components of the program there would be.

Motion made by Jason Beck, seconded by Troy Streckenbach to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Troy Streckenbach, seconded by Pat Evans for the Sheriff's Department, Human Services Department and District Attorney to explore the possibility of a day report center and report back with update. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Specialty Courts (Drug Court, Veterans Treatment Court and future Courts).

Troy Streckenbach mentioned that there has been a request to find mentors for treatment courts, particularly veterans, to help with the participants. Shoup also mentioned that a LEAN event had been held looking for efficiencies in treatment courts which included a report out as well as an action plan to be followed up on. Shoup also commented on specialty courts and stated he felt there would be a struggle to administer these courts if the mental health court comes to fruition. The drug court coordinator is already helping out with the veterans court and although Shoup did not know where the mental health court discussion is at this time, he would be concerned that if treatment courts are expanded costs would be entailed. Shoup felt the concept of a mental health court is a little more elusive than the drug court and veterans treatment court and he felt this could be a challenge.

Motion made by Brian Shoup, seconded by Troy Streckenbach to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Adjourn.

Motion made by Brian Shoup, seconded by Troy Streckenbach to adjourn at 4:09 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio
Recording Secretary